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Subject: MLPA Regional Stakeholders group nomination

Greetings,

My name is Richard Alvarez. I am interested in serving on the MLPA Regional Stakeholders Group for Northern California. I have been diving on the North Coast since Fall 1994. My experience in the Mendocino and Humboldt coast is fairly extensive. I am currently the Diving Safety Officer for the Humboldt State University Scientific and Recreational Diving program. As such I have participated on multiple scientific surveys ranging from Punta Gorda Reserve, a DFG Abalone and Urchin size/distribution survey at PT. Arena and Van Damme, to PISCO training with UCSC. I teach the Scientific Diving course here at HSU as well as the Reefcheck California training course. I have an avid interest in the local ocean and its resources.

I am currently serving on multiple committees and I am well aware of the need to be articulate and willing to compromise. The use of the ocean is a complex issue in any area, but Northern California has species unique to these often rough and dirty waters. I feel that my experience and perspective will aid in the delicate process of establishing the new MPAs in the northern region. I appreciate any consideration for this committee.

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